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### OVERVIEW

The deadline for bills to pass their policy committee in the first house is now behind us and while the policy committees may still hear non-fiscal bills through May 6, 2016, the next key date to note is May 27, 2016. This is the deadline for a bill to pass the fiscal committee, also known as the “Appropriations Committee,” in the first house. Both houses’ Appropriations Committees are analyzing and hearing measures, and during these hearings they include witnesses from the Department of Finance (DOF). The DOF staff testifies on each measure they have analyzed noting the effect of the bill on the state budget. Some measures clearly have costs, while others may have “cost pressure,” which means the bill may create statute that could require the state to add funds to implement the new law in the future. Nearly all bills with cost concerns will be sent to the “Suspense File,” which is where bills are held while the committee determines if there’s sufficient state funding for implementation. On or near the deadline of May 27, both houses’ fiscal committees will hold hearings to announce which bills have passed, passed with amendments, or were “held” by the committee. Measures that remain on the Suspense File are held by the committee and will not move forward any further in the legislative process.

The summaries below represent the information that was available when this report was drafted. Below are brief summaries for our top priority, or “Tier 1” bills. For details and copies of any bill, please contact the Governmental Relations Division of the Chancellor’s Office or visit the Legislative Counsel’s website at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> or its new website at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

### BILLS OF INTEREST

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **AB 1846 (Lopez) Adult Education Consortium Program.** AB 1846 appropriates \$250 million annually from the General Fund for support of the adult education program. The intent is to increase total funding for adult education programs from \$500 million to \$750 million annually. The Budget Act currently provides \$500 million in Proposition 98 funding to the Chancellor and Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Adult Education Block Grant, which serves the needs of adult learners through regional consortia.
  - Status: AB 1846 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
  
- **AB 1985 (Williams) Postsecondary Education.** AB 1985 requires the Chancellor’s Office to collaborate with the Academic Senate to develop, and each community college district to adopt, a uniform policy to award General Education credit for AP test scores of three or higher. Title 5 regulations state that a community college district may adopt policies to grant credit for AP examinations.
  - Status: AB 1985 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **AB 1914 (Bonilla) Public Postsecondary Education: Access Codes.** AB 1914 requires that the respective segments of public higher education each adopt policies regarding student academic material requirements by faculty, and specifies that students may not be required to purchase academic materials which can already be provided by the campus to students at no cost. It also adds additional requirements on the provision of information by campus bookstores.
  - Status: AB 1914 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Appropriations Committee.

## **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

- **SB 66 (Leyva) Career Technical Education Pathways Program.** SB 66 requires the Economic and Workforce Development Program to align performance accountability measures with that of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. SB 66 also requires the California Department of Consumer Affairs make available to the California Community College (CCC) Chancellor's Office any licensure information that the department has on its boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs to help measure employment outcomes of students who participate in career technical education programs.
  - Position: Sponsor/Support
  - Status: SB 66 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly and was assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

## **CAMPUS CLIMATE/CAMPUS SAFETY**

- **AB 1594 (McCarty) Prohibition of Smoking and Vaping on Campus.** AB 1594 prohibits smoking tobacco products or the use of e-cigarettes on California State University (CSU) and community college campuses. The bill authorizes a fine of up to \$100 with the proceeds to go to support educational operations of the campus, education of the policy implemented by the bill, and tobacco treatment options for students.
  - Status: AB 1594 passed in the Assembly and was sent to the Senate.
- **AB 1653 (Weber) Postsecondary Education: Campus Climate.** AB 1653 requires the CSU Trustees and the CCC Board of Governors to generate a report on campus climate in their respective system and have the California Department of Justice provide guidance on the Clery Act and Violence Against Women Act. If a district uses funds to support activities related to campus climate, then they are required to adopt policies on harassment, intimidation, and bullying. AB 1653 encourages the University of California (UC) to comply.
  - Status: AB 1653 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 1654 (Santiago) Student Safety: Crime Reporting.** AB 1654 requires the Department of Justice to provide guidance on reporting requirements for the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to public and private institutions of higher education starting January 1, 2017.
  - Status: AB 1654 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Public Safety and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 1778 (Quirk) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Violence.** AB 1778 requires the three segments of higher education to conduct annual employee training on responding and reporting incidents of sexual violence in order to receive state funding for student financial assistance.
  - Status: AB 1778 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **AB 2018 (Ridley-Thomas) Mandated Child Abuse Reporting Employee Training Act.** AB 2018 requires the CCC Board of Governors to consult with Department of Social Services to develop and disseminate information to each employee and administrator of a community college district who are mandated reporters. This bill also requires each district to: 1) annually train, using the online training module provided by Department of Social Services, and 2) develop a process for those persons required to receive training under the bill and to provide proof of completing this training within the first 6 weeks of each academic year or within 6 weeks of that person’s employment.
  - Status: AB 2018 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2654 (Bonilla) Equity in Higher Education Act (Sexual Harassment Policies).** AB 2654 requires a community college district to post its policy on sexual harassment on its website. It requires the policy to include specific rules and procedures for pursuing available remedies and resources, both on and off campus.
  - Status: AB 2654 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **SB 1439 (Block) Employees: Disclosure of Allegations of Sexual Harassment.** This bill provides that the governing board of a community college district shall require an application for appointment to an academic or administrative position disclose any substantiated allegation of sexual harassment.
  - Status: SB 1439 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was put in the Suspense File by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **FACULTY**

- **AB 1690 (Medina) Community Colleges: Part-Time, Temporary Employees.** AB 1690 is similar to AB 1010 (Medina) from 2015. The bill requires community colleges without collective bargaining agreements in effect as of January 1, 2017, or after January 1, 2017, to adopt specific minimum standards for the treatment of part-time, temporary faculty. These standards would include evaluation procedures, workload distribution and seniority rights.
  - Status: AB 1690 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2069 (Medina) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012.** AB 2069 amends language in the Student Success Act to require research metrics for districts to include data on the percentage of part-time faculty per full-time equivalent students that are required to hold office hours.
  - Status: AB 2069 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2214 (Harper) Public Postsecondary Education: Faculty Royalty Income Disclosure.** AB 2214 requires governing boards of public postsecondary educational institutions to require faculty to annually disclose any compensation or royalty they receive from a publisher or provider of instructional content under penalty of perjury. Each faculty member would be required to provide information on a form and the campus would be required to make this information available to the public on the campus website.
  - Status: AB 2214 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

## **FINANCE AND FUNDING**

- **SB 1460 (Leno) Community Colleges: Funding: San Francisco Community College District.** SB 1460 would require the CCC Board of Governors, for the 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20, fiscal

years to provide to the San Francisco Community College District a revenue adjustment for the restoration of reduced apportionments.

- Status: SB 1460 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was put in the Suspense File by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **GOVERNANCE**

- **AB 986 (Gipson) Community Colleges: Compton Community College District.** AB 986 requires the CCC Chancellor to report to the Legislature on the priorities identified in each Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team report and to provide a response on how the Chancellor intends to resolve in a timely manner the issues identified in the report.
  - Status: AB 986 was sent to the Senate Education Committee but has not been scheduled for a hearing.
- **AB 1837 (Low) Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability.** AB 1837 creates the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability (office) as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The bill establishes an eight member advisory board for the purpose of examining, and making recommendations to the office regarding any comments and proposals made by the office to the Governor and the Legislature. The advisory committee would be comprised of the Chairpersons of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee, and 3 members each appointed by the Assembly and Senate. Representatives from higher education segments would not be appointed to the advisory committee.

This bill amends provisions of the California Education Code that refer to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and replace them with provisions related to the proposed office. CPEC no longer functioned after Governor Brown eliminated its funding from the State budget in 2011. Every year since 2011 legislation has been introduced to replace CPEC with a new agency tasked with the development and coordination of higher education state policy.

- Status: AB 1837 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **AB 2434 (Bonta) Postsecondary Education: Higher Education Policy.** AB 2434 creates a blue-ribbon commission to study and develop a plan to grow the funding, enrollment slots, and number of campuses at public universities and colleges so that public higher education in California has the capacity to be universal and tuition-free. The commission would be comprised of nine public members, three appointed by the governor and three members each appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Speaker of the Assembly.

This bill is similar to AB 1837 (Low) in that it proposes to create a state entity that would make recommendations regarding statewide higher education policy. There were amendments taken in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education that are not yet in print that remove the prohibition for individuals employed or retained by a public or private postsecondary educational institution, and their spouses and domestic partners, from serving on the commission; the bill would then permit higher level officials from CCC, CSU, and UC to serve on the commission.

- Status: AB 2434 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

- **ACA 7 (Gonzalez) Voting Age: School and Community College Elections.** ACA 7 authorizes persons who are at least 16 years of age to vote in a school or community college district governing board election in which that person would be qualified to vote based on residence.
  - Status: Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 7 was assigned to the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on April 28, 2017. A measure that is a proposed

constitutional amended by the Legislature does not have the same deadlines as bills introduced in the regular session.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **AB 1726 (Bonta) Data Collection.** AB 1726 is similar to last year's AB 176 (Bonta), which was vetoed by the Governor. The bill requires the segments of higher education to collect data on Asian and Pacific Islander subgroups and post on their respective websites statewide data on enrollment and completion by July 2017. In doing so the bill adds ten additional demographic groups to the groups currently collected by community college campuses. The bill requires that 18 months after the 2020 U.S. Census is released, the API subgroups reported by each segment include any additional subgroups used by the Census Bureau.
  - Status: AB 1726 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Health Committee and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2222 (Holden) Transit Passes.** AB 2222 continuously appropriates \$50,000,000 annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Transit Pass Program to support transit pass programs of public agencies that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to public school students and community college, CSU, and UC students.
  - Status: AB 2222 passed in the Assembly Committee on Transportation and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2308 (Hernandez, R.) California Health Care Coverage Enrollment Assistance Act of 2016.** AB 2038 requires the CSU and CCC to identify uninsured students and offer these students contact information for local entities to provide health care enrollment assistance and information about health care coverage options. CSU and CCC campuses would be authorized to develop informational items or amend existing forms and materials, or revise campus websites to provide uninsured students with information about health care coverage options. The bill also removes the January 1, 2019, sunset date from existing law that requires public schools to provide parents or legal guardians with information regarding health care coverage options and assistance. AB 2308 provisions would create additional workload and cost pressures for community college campuses.
  - Status: AB 2308 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2738 (Olsen) School Bonds: Local School Bonds.** AB 2738 prohibits the proceeds from the issuance of bond funds to be withdrawn by a school district or community college district for investment outside the county treasury. The bill also specifies that after all project costs related to the issuance of the bonds have been paid, any remaining balance or surplus in the building fund of the school district or community college district shall be applied to debt service. AB 2738 clarifies that any reference to "governing board" means the governing board of a school district or a community college district.
  - Status: AB 2738 passed in the Assembly Education Committee and was sent to the Senate.
- **SB 1038 (Allen) Community Colleges: Employees.** SB 1038 eliminates the tuberculosis test requirement for community college employees. Instead employees will take a risk assessment for tuberculosis and, if found to be at risk, the employee is then required to take the tuberculosis test. This mirrors how tuberculosis screening is done in K-12 districts.
  - Status: SB 1038 passed in the Senate and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.
- **SB 1359 (Block) Public Postsecondary Education: Education Materials: Textbooks.** SB 1359 requires each campus of public postsecondary education to disclose in the campus course schedule

the most accurate retail price information and estimated total costs of required and recommended textbooks and supplemental materials.

- Status: SB 1359 passed in the Senate Education Committee and was placed in the Suspense File in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

- **AB 801 (Bloom) Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act.** AB 801 establishes priority enrollment for homeless students (a student that is verified as being without a residence in the last six years) and makes them eligible for a Board of Governors fee waiver. The bill establishes a liaison for homeless students that can be a current employee.
  - Status: AB 801 passed both houses last year but was removed from enrollment and placed in the inactive file. Recently it was re-activated by the author for amendments that will narrow the definition of “former homeless student.”
- **AB 1995 (Williams) Community Colleges: Homeless Students: Access to Shower Facilities.** AB 1995 requires a district to grant access to shower facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled. The district will also create an action plan that includes the hours of use, a safety plan, the number of units required for a student to participate and outreach to homeless students.
  - Status: AB 1995 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2009 (Lopez) Dream Resource Centers.** AB 2009 requires that the California Community Colleges and CSU, and requests that UC designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities. The bill authorizes the Board of Governors to seek and accept on behalf of the state gifts, bequests, devices, or donations given to support Dream Resource Centers. The bill also encourages community colleges to establish Dream Resource Centers and specifies that nothing in AB 2009 requires the construction of a new or separate space for a Dream Resource Center. This bill would also encourage the governing board of a school district or county office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12 to have a Dream Resource Liaison at each of their campuses. Though AB 2009 would create significant additional costs for community colleges, the bill does not include additional state resources. Community colleges will need additional state funds not currently in the budget to comply with this bill.
  - Status: AB 2009 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Education and was placed in the Suspense File in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2017 (McCarty): College Mental Health Services Program.** AB 2017 establishes the College Mental Health Services Trust Account and would appropriate \$40 million annually (until 2022) to that account from the Mental Health Services Fund (Proposition 63), to be used to create a grant program for public community colleges, colleges, and universities to improve access to mental health services on campus. The bill also requires a report to the Legislature on how the funds were used.
  - Position: Support
  - Status: AB 2017 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2137 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Process.** This bill would request the UC Regents to submit annual reports before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2020 on the implementation of the recommendations of the Transfer Action Team convened by the UC President. The bill would also request the Regents to submit annual reports before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022 on topics relating to the use of transfer pathways by community college student transfers to UC.

- Status: AB 2137 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2154 (Medina) Student Aid Commission: Student Members.** AB 2154 authorizes a student member to serve on the Student Aid Commission for up to one additional year after his or her two-year term expires if the Governor has not appointed a successor student member. The bill also requires a qualifying institution to waive a student member's tuition, up to a specified amount, for the duration of the student member's term in office if the student member is not a recipient of a Cal Grant award.
  - Status: AB 2154 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Committee on Appropriations and will be sent to the floor.
- **AB 2766 (Lopez) Student Aid Commission.** AB 2766 requires the Student Aid Commission to include four student members, one from each of the following: UC, CSU, CCC, and a California private postsecondary educational institution. Existing law requires the commission to include two members, appointed by the Governor, who are students enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution.
  - Status: AB 2766 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2791 (Medina) Community Colleges: Disability Services Program.** AB 2791 authorizes colleges to receive DSPS funds for a student that is enrolled in DSPS but not yet enrolled in a class. This will assist colleges to begin preparing accommodations for the student before they begin taking a class.
  - Position: Support
  - Status: AB 2791 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **SB 906 (Beall) Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Enrollment.** SB 906 revises the definition of foster youth to mean a person in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year, aligning it with the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program. SB 906 extends priority enrollment indefinitely to those students who are in Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services programs and to disabled students by removing the sunset.
  - Position: Sponsor/Support
  - Status: SB 906 passed the Senate and was sent to the Assembly but has not yet been assigned to a committee.

## **TUITION, FEES, FINANCIAL AID**

- **AB 1449 (Lopez) Student Financial Aid: Community College Cal Grant.** AB 1449 authorizes a student to meet the CCC Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award's high school graduation requirement with a high school diploma or equivalency or by being a California resident on his or her 18th birthday.
  - Status: AB 1449 passed the Assembly to the Senate and will be heard in the Senate Committee on Education.
- **AB 1583 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges.** AB 1583 establishes a California Promise Program that expands access to the community college Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) for California residents. The bill would change the financial need threshold to one dollar for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking a fee waiver, revise the amount of income a student can earn and still qualify for a fee waiver to no lower than three times the

- current federal poverty level, provide a grant to fee waiver recipients not to exceed \$1,000 per year to offset the costs of textbooks, supplies, transportation, and other living expenses, and require an on-line BOGFW application. Amendments were taken in Committee that remove the provision regarding the earned income maximum of no lower than three times the current federal poverty level, and limit the \$1,000 grant to students who have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet all criteria for financial aid assistance.
- Status: AB 1583 passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 1721 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program.** AB 1721 raises the maximum award for access cost for the Cal Grant B program from \$1,551 to \$3,000. The bill also increases the age of eligibility from 28 years of age to 31.
    - Position: Sponsor/Support
    - Status: AB 1721 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
  - **AB 1741 (Rodriguez) California Community College Promise Program.** AB 1741 establishes the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program to provide funds to California Community College districts for the purpose of establishing regional California College Promise programs.
    - Status: AB 1741 passed the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
  - **AB 1747 (Weber) Food Assistance: Higher Education Students.** AB 1747 requires as a condition of participation in the Cal Grant program that public and private postsecondary educational institutions ensure that surcharge-free transactions are accessible on campus through the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system and allows colleges to receive matching funds for conducting CalFresh outreach activities. The bill would also establish the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Account in the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund and would allocate funds to food banks that support on-campus pantry and hunger relief.
    - Status: AB 1747 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations
  - **AB 1888 (Low) Cal Grants: Nondiscrimination.** AB 1888 requires colleges and universities as a condition of participating in the Cal Grant program to certify in their participation agreement with the California Student Aid Commission that the institution shall not subject a student or employee to discrimination. The bill also requires that participating institutions shall not apply for or receive a waiver by the United States Department of Education from nondiscrimination requirements.
    - Status: AB 1888 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
  - **AB 1892 (Medina) Cal Grant C.** AB 1892 sets the maximum Cal Grant C award amount at \$3,000 for access costs to help community college students in priority occupational and technical training programs. The bill gives priority to students pursuing high wage and high need careers in a community college region. Substantive amendments were prepared by the Chancellor's Office and submitted to the author. These amendments seek to expand Cal Grant C benefits for community college students. An amendment was taken in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education to add the word "technology" to the definition of an access grant.
    - Position: Sponsor/Support
    - Status: AB 1892 passed the Assembly Committee Higher Education Committee and was put in the Suspense File by the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
  - **AB 2056 (Garcia, E.) Cal Grant Program: Graduation Verification.** AB 2056 requires the California Student Aid Commission to allow a school district to electronically submit high school graduation verification for former grade 12 students as many times as necessary to ensure the

information is transmitted and received, and requires high schools to verify graduation no later than October 1 of the academic year immediately following the students graduation. For many students who complete summer school in order to meet high graduation requirements their verification of graduation is either never received by the California Student Aid Commission or it's submitted after Cal Grant application deadlines. These two scenarios result in delays of Cal Grant award payments or a delay of one year before students can re-apply for a Cal Grant award. AB 2056 (Garcia E) provides high school districts with multiple opportunities to submit electronic verification of high school graduation for the vast majority of their students after the spring term, and allow for transmitting verifications again after the end of the summer term.

- Position: Support
  - Status: AB 2056 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2058 (Mayes) CalWORKs: Education Incentives.** AB 2058 creates the CalWORKs Educational Opportunity and Attainment Program which will provide a monthly incentive grant to a CalWORKs recipient who has attained a high school diploma, associate's degree or bachelor's degree while receiving CalWORKs benefits. AB 2058 also appropriates \$20 million to the Chancellor's Office for funding of the California Community Colleges CalWORKs program.
  - Position: Support
  - Status: AB 2058 was approved by the Assembly Human Services Committee and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2136 (Mayes) Exemption from Nonresident Tuition (Deletes Nonimmigrant Exception).** AB 2136 deletes the exception in the nonresident tuition for nonimmigrant aliens making nonimmigrant aliens eligible for the exemption from nonresident tuition if the student meets other requirements specified in statute. AB 2136 applies to students at CSU and CCC and requests the UC Regents to enact exemptions from requirements to pay nonresident tuition for its students that are equivalent to those applicable to students of CCC and CSU.
  - Status: AB 2136 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2251 (Stone) Postsecondary Education: Student Loan Borrowers' Bill Of Rights.** AB 2251 would expand the California Finance Lenders Law to include the licensure, regulation, and oversight of student loan servicers and require such servicers to be licensed. The bill would establish the Student Loan Borrower's Bill of Rights and require student educational loan servicers to provide each of their student loan borrowers in the state with reliable information about the borrower's loan and repayment options, and quality customer service and fair treatment, and access to available repayment and loan forgiveness benefits.
  - Status: AB 2251 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2364 (Holden) Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition Exemption.** AB 2364 would exempt certain nonresident students who live and attend high school in California from nonresident tuition for community college dual enrollment coursework. The bill would also allow community college districts to claim apportionment for students who are eligible for the nonresident tuition exemption.
  - Status: AB 2364 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2383 (Medina) Autism Employment and Education Act.** AB 2383 establishes the Autism Employment and Education Program. It creates a residential, occupational, and living skills program at each participating community college and CSU campus to help students with autism live independently, obtain employment, and become self-sufficient after they graduate from the college or

university. The bill would only become operative upon appropriation by the Legislature for the implementation of the program.

- Status: AB 2383 was sent to the Assembly Committee on Higher Education, but was not heard.
- **AB 2506 (Thurmond) Student Financial Aid: Chafee Grants.** AB 2506 specifies standards for postsecondary educational institutions to be deemed qualifying institutions for the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher program. The bill requires the Student Aid Commission to ensure that every current and former foster youth who files a timely application and is eligible for the award of a Chafee Educational and Training Voucher is issued those funds.
  - Position: Support
  - Status: AB 2506 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2681 (O'Donnell) Public Education: College Promise Grant Program.** AB 2681 would establish the California College Promise Grant Program to provide planning grants to eligible school districts and community college districts to establish Career Access Pathways partnerships. The bill would also authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of California Community Colleges to establish the grant application process and criteria for determining the amount of each grant. The proposed planning grants would be supported by Proposition 98 funds, and all grant funds would be disbursed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
  - Status: AB 2681 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2822 (Chiu) Student Financial Aid: Student Success and Support.** AB 2822 authorizes the use of Student Success and Support Program funds for the provision of emergency student financial assistance to eligible students, if such assistance is included in an institution's plan for interventions to students.
  - Status: AB 2822 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **SB 893 (Nguyen) Tuition and Fees: San Bernardino Dependents.** SB 893 prohibits the three segments of higher education from collecting fees from surviving dependents of the December 2, 2015, San Bernardino terrorist attack. The dependent must meet the financial need requirements of the Cal Grant A Program and resident requirements specified in the measure. The California Victims Compensation and Government Claims Board will determine qualification.
  - Status: SB 893 passed the Senate Committee on Education and was placed in the Suspense File in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1314 (Block) Cal Grant A Entitlement Program.** SB 1314 would specify that community college students participating in the baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy the eligibility requirements for the Cal Grant A entitlement award shall receive an award.
  - Status: SB 1314 passed the Senate Committee on Education and was placed in the Suspense File in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **SB 1357 (Block) Cal Grant Program.** SB 1357 establishes the California Community Colleges Assistance Grant Program. The bill would require the California Student Aid Commission to annually augment the awards of all community college recipients of Cal Grant B Entitlement awards and Competitive Cal Grant B awards, and specifies that the amounts awarded under the bill would supplement, and not supplant, the awards and other student financial aid. Committee staff raised the question about the need for administration of a single system award program to be centralized at a state agency. The distribution of supplemental awards by the Chancellor's Office and local campuses would allow for a more streamlined implementation and speedier access to funds by community college students. According to committee staff, with CSAC as the administrator of the programs

could delay receipt of supplemental awards for new applicants, particularly as CSAC awaits confirmation from students and campuses of the actual enrollment of the student.

- Status: SB 1357 passed the Senate Committee on Education and was heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee and sent to the Suspense File.
- **SB 1450 (Glazer) The California Promise.** SB 1450 authorizes a CCC and CSU to enter into a pledge with a student to cap fees and tuition if the student earns an associate degree within 2 academic years or a baccalaureate degree within 4 academic years.
  - Status: SB 1450 was heard in the Senate Committee on Education and failed to pass in the Committee.

## **VETERANS, MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS**

- **AB 1936 (Chavez) Residency: Dependents of Armed Forces Members.** AB 1936 amends current statute that provides in-state tuition for dependents of military members so that they will maintain resident tuition after being admitted to a postsecondary institution. AB 1936 was prompted by a UC Davis student whose father was deployed before classes started and whose resident status for tuition was revoked.
  - Position: Support
  - Status: AB 1936 passed in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Veterans Committee and was sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.
- **AB 2494 (Hernandez, R) Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.** AB 2494 establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program. This bill authorizes the governing board of a community college district and a community college campus at which a veterans resource center has been or is intended to be established to jointly apply to the Chancellor's Office for a grant for the purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces enrolled at the campus. The bill would establish the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would allocate moneys in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the chancellor for, among other things, administration of the program and distribution of awards to recipient community college districts and campuses. AB 2494 requires the Chancellor's Office to submit a report to the Legislature on the progress of the program by May 31, 2019.
  - Position: Support, if amended
    - The Chancellor's Office would like the author to find/identify a funding source.
  - Status: AB 2494 passed in the Assembly Veterans Committee and the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and was sent to the Appropriations Committee.

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